

KARO-ECHO Board Meeting

09/08/21

via Zoom

Attendees:

Hal Grabske	KK6NDF
Howdy Goudy	KE6BEE
Don Simon	NI6A
Larry Vanselow	KK6GIO
Annette McCoubrey	KJ6SWK
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY

Proposed agenda:

- Fall SET
- Digital communication modes
- Disaster plan

Topics discussed:

Fall SET

- The date will most likely be Nov. 13. One possible conflict is that it is the date of the Cal/USC football game.
- Is there additional training needed before the SET?

Digital Modes

- A proposal was made to initiate a separate monthly meeting or net for those interested in working with digital communication modes, possibly the Monday after the membership meeting.
- The number of interested members with the necessary hardware might be small to begin with but interest may increase.
- There are many digital modes to learn about.
- Digital modes may be used on both HF and VHF. A VHF interface could be as simple as using acoustic coupling,
- An overview introduction to digital modes will be in the newsletter.

Training

- A document for self-assessment of skills is being prepared for members to evaluate themselves.
- KE needs a disaster plan with details such as what to do and where to meet in a scenario such as an earthquake in the middle of the night.
 - The disaster plan currently on the KE website is generalized and may need to be updated.
 - Should we coordinate a disaster plan with the fire department? The likelihood is that the fire departments probably have no useful plan in place and have no resources to work on one.
 - Should we involve Area Coordinators in a disaster plan? We have had very little participation with any ACs recently.

Outreach

- A suggestion was made to slim down the KE website and make information less difficult to locate.
- The website description of the monthly membership meeting should be updated from “in-person meeting” to “zoom meeting”.

Agenda for membership meeting

- Self-assessment form
- KE disaster plan
- Digital communication modes